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To Whom It May Concern:

We at Magruder Hospital are pleased to participate in and support the proposed Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Magruder Hospital's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow better patient care for individuals in the communities we serve via comprehensive "real time" medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.


Magruder Hospital is the largest employer in Ottawa County and the predominant health care provider in this rural community. Magruder Hospital has prided itself in the availability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to its service area. The Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project would extend this technology capability to include the confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medication management across the health care continuum.

Magruder Hospital is a member of Community Care 5, which is a five-hospital limited liability company that works together to enhance services and reduce costs in the communities they serve. All five of these hospitals will be included in the Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. All of the CC5 Hospitals are locally owned and controlled non-profit facilities. Once on board with Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project, Magruder Hospital would have the decision making power to continue in this initiative.

With ever increasing demands for technology, hospitals need to come up with collaborative ways to conduct business. Along with increased technology come increased costs. The CC5 Hospitals, along as with other health care networks, are continually looking for ways to enhance services without increasing their cost significantly. OneCommunity would allow Magruder Hospital, along with its other CC5 Hospitals, the opportunity to tap into high-speed intranet technology at a fraction of the cost.

Thank you so much for your consideration of Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project.

Sincerely,



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